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can stop only at an average distance of 25 miles between the stops. The next stop after Vaniambadi is Krishnagiri. The distance between Vaniambadi and Bargur is 22 miles, and from Krishnagiri to Bargur 11 miles. As the declaration of Bargur as a fare stage would be a violation of the orders, the request could not be conceded.

### *Government buses*

\* 508 Q.—SRI MUNU ADHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any dress regulations for travelling in Government buses; and

(b) whether any one with scanty dress was prevented from travelling?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (a) Yes, Sir. As per the code of conduct of passengers framed by the Madras State Transport Department if a passenger's condition is such as to be offensive to other passengers or the condition of his or her dress or clothing is such that it may reasonably be expected to soil or injure the linings of cushions of the vehicle or the clothing of other passengers, the passenger shall not enter or remain in or on the vehicle after an authorised person shall have requested him or her either not to enter or to leave the vehicle and in such latter case shall have tendered to him or her the amount of any fare previously paid.

(b) No case of prevention from travelling in the Madras State Transport bus of anyone with scanty dress has been brought to notice.

MR. SPEAKER: As the hon. Member who gave notice of question No. 509 is not in the seat, the question and answer will be printed in the proceedings.

\* 509 Q.—SRI V. SANKARAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware of the inconvenience caused to passengers in the Madras City by the frequent stoppage of the State Transport buses at the various stages for the completion of issue of tickets; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to avoid the inconvenience?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: (a) Buses are being stopped at fare stages to ensure that all passengers are issued tickets.

(b) The frequency and duration of stoppages will be minimised by quicker issue of tickets for which the Government are taking the following steps—

(i) putting more buses on the road to reduce over-crowding.

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- (ii) Increasing the number of stand conductors in order to reduce the pressure of work on the line conductors.
- (iii) Provision of automatic ticket issuing machines to enable the conductors to issue tickets at a faster rate is undertaken as an experimental measure.
- (iv) Issue of season tickets on additional routes.

### *Trade Unions*

\* 516 Q.—SRI K. A. MATHIALAGAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

- (a) the number of Trade Unions registered under the Indian Trade Unions Act, 1926 during 1961; .
- (b) the number of unions which have been refused registration;
- (c) the grounds for such refusal; and
- (d) the number of Trade Unions functioning in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) 237, Sir.

(b) One, Sir.

(c) The Ramanathapuram District Indian Ex-Servicemen's Association was refused registration under the Indian Trade Unions Act, 1926 on the ground that its members are not workmen as envisaged in section 2 (g) of the Act and that the Union is not a " Trade Union " as defined in section 2 (h) of the said Act.

(d) One thousand one hundred and fifty-six as on 31st December 1961, Sir.

தாம்பிரபரணி திரத்திலுள்ள நிலங்கள் (விவரம்)

\* 511 கேள்வி.—திரு. எம். எஸ். செல்வராஜன் : கனம் பொதுப் பணித் துறை அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

தாம்பிரபரணி திரத்தின்கீழ் உள்ள கால்வாய் வாரியான இருபோக ஆயக்காட்டு நஞ்சை, ஒரு போக ஆயக்காட்டு நஞ்சை, தண்ணீர் தண்டத் தீர்வைக்குட்பட்ட புஞ்சை, ஒரு போக நஞ்சை ஆகிய நிலங்களின் அளவு என்ன?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : A statement <sup>a</sup> containing the information is placed on the table of the House.

திரு. எம். எஸ். செல்வராஜன் : சபையில் வைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிற விவரத்திலிருந்து ஏறக்குறைய 7 ஆயிரம் ஏக்கரா ஒரு போக நஞ்சை வாடர் ரேட்டுக்கு உட்பட்டும், 2 ஆயிரம் ஏக்கரா புஞ்சை நிலம் வாடர் ரேட்டுக்கும் உட்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்று தெரிகிறது.